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H. R. 4446

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the claiming and interring of unclaimed remains of veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. COOK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dignified Interment
5 of Our Veterans Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS STUDY ON**
2 **MATTERS RELATING TO CLAIMING AND**
3 **INTERRING UNCLAIMED REMAINS OF VET-**
4 **ERANS.**

5 (a) STUDY AND REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than
6 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

8 (1) complete a study on matters relating to the
9 identification, claiming, and interring of unclaimed
10 remains of veterans; and

11 (2) submit to Congress a report on the findings
12 of the Secretary with respect to the study required
13 under paragraph (1).

14 (b) MATTERS STUDIED.—The matters studied under
15 subsection (a)(1) shall include the following:

16 (1) Determining the scope of issues relating to
17 unclaimed remains of veterans, including an esti-
18 mate of the number of unclaimed remains of vet-
19 erans on the day before the date of the enactment
20 of this Act.

21 (2) Assessing the effectiveness of the proce-
22 dures of the Department of Veterans Affairs for
23 claiming and interring unclaimed remains of vet-
24 erans.

1 (3) Identifying and assessing State and local
2 laws that affect the ability of the Secretary to iden-
3 tify, claim, and inter unclaimed remains of veterans.

4 (4) Developing recommendations for such legis-
5 lative or administrative action as the Secretary con-
6 siders appropriate.

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